IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF DIVISION

KENDRICK THOMPSON

PETITIONER

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Case No. 5:07V00037 SWW-JFF

LARRY NORRIS, Director, Arkansas Department of Correction

RESPONDENT

ORDER

The Court has reviewed the Proposed Findings and Recommendations received from Magistrate Judge John F. Forster, Jr., and the objections filed in response, and has further reviewed the relevant record *de novo*. The Findings and Recommendations are adopted in their entirety as this Court's findings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent's motion to dismiss is granted and Petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 is dismissed with prejudice. It is further Considered, Ordered, and Adjudged that Petitioner's request for leave to conduct discovery and for appointment of counsel for the purpose of conducting discovery is denied.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 30th day of October, 2007.

/s/Susan Webber Wright

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE